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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL

JUNE 21, 1974

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

TO: AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, MOSCOW

SUBJECT: SITE IN CRIMEA FOR PRESIDENT'S USSR VISIT

1. IT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD WORK DIRECTLY WITH BILL HENKEL IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE PARTY TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF THE CRIMEA SITE IN A WAY THAT BEST SERVES THE UNITED STATES' INTERESTS.

2. AS YOU KNOW, WE DO NOT WANT YALTA AS THE SITE, FOR REASONS INCLUDING THOSE WHICH YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED. OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE IS THAT THE SITE OTHER THAN YALTA THAT IS CHOSEN NOT ONLY BE SUITABLE FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY BUT ALSO THAT THE AIRFIELD FACILITIES, PROXIMITY OF AIRFIELD TO SITE, AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY BE FULLY ADEQUATE AND IN KEEPING WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE US AND USSR IN THE BEST POSSIBLE SUMMIT MEETING.

3. PITSUNDA HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS ONE ALTERNATIVE. WE WILL LOOK TO YOU AND HENKEL FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER PITSUNDA OR SOME ALTERNATIVE SITE OTHER THAN YALTA WILL BE BEST FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WARM REGARDS.

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State Dept. review completed

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